



La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB) MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2026 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Seminar Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Chas. Dye, Ann Parode Dynes, Bob Evans (President), Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Diane Kane, Melinda Merryweather, Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick, Tim Seery (Treasurer), John Shannon (Vice President, dep 5:01 pm)

Directors Absent and Excused: Alexandra Corsi, Brenda Fake

Guests Signed-In: Beth Murray, Janette Williams, Santiago Aguerre, Robyn Davidoff

Also Present: Joaquin Quintero, Ashley Mackin-Solomon, Seonaid McArthur, Kurt Hoffman

Before the start of the LJPB Meeting, Council District 1 (CD1) representative Joaquin Quintero presented a proclamation to Phyllis Minick noting that January 26, 2026, was City of San Diego “Phyllis Minick Day” in honor and recognition of her many years of community activities, service, leadership, and dedication. Many attendees also thanked Phyllis for her long-time and numerous efforts and service as a LJPB Director.

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 14/16 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm, and welcomed attendees. Quorum 14/16 from 4:07-5:01 pm; quorum 13/16 at 5:01-6:00 pm.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The amended agenda for the January 26, 2026, meeting was approved unanimously. (14-0-0)

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 28, 2025, LJP&B Meeting:

The minutes of the December 9, 2025, LJP&B meeting were approved unanimously. (14-0-0)

Approval of October and November 2025 Treasurer’s Financial Reports:

Directors received the reconciled December 2025 LJP&B Financial Statements for review.

The December 2025 LJPB Financial Report was approved unanimously. (14-0-0)

Approval of the 2026 LJPB General Account Operating Budget Directors received the proposed budget.

The motion to approve the LJPB 2026 General Account Operating Budget was approved unanimously. (14-0-0)

Approval of Annual Operating Expenses for 2026 [upon receipt of invoices not to exceed 110% of last year’s budgeted amounts, including: PO Box (\$210), Tax Prep (\$1,200), CA DOJ Charitable Trust Filing Fee (\$75), Website maintenance (\$500), and Insurance (\$2,200)]

The motion to approve payment of the 2026 annual anticipated and recurring operating expenses, not to exceed 110% of last year’s amounts, including, but not limited to, USPS Post Office Box rental renewal, tax preparation, Directors and Officers and General Liability Insurance policy renewals, CA DOJ Charitable Trust filing fees, and website maintenance was approved unanimously. (14-0-0)

Report from Council President LaCava’s Office – Council District 1 (CD1) representative Joaquin Quintero reported that the City has established financial assistance programs for the newly implemented trash service fees. He fielded questions about and listened to comments not in favor of parking fees at Balboa Park.

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria’s Office – The mayor’s representative Fatima Maciel was not present.

President’s Report – Outgoing President Evans gave a recap of the LJPB activities for 2025 including the LJPB La Jolla Cove Access Working Group and efforts to keep La Jolla Cove open at all times. He also addressed stair access and open beach issues, the Whale View Point Stair repair project and associated fundraising efforts, the Windansea parking lot Granitecrete project, installation or replacement of coastal signage, the “5990” Camino de la Costa Beach Access Stair repair project, and the approved widening of the streetside sidewalk at Scripps Park. The independent City of La Jolla effort is moving forward. President Evans suggested a future working group to liaise with the Association for the City of La Jolla. The Scripps Park Picnic Grove II project is well underway as is the Windansea Barrier Project Barrier/ Erosion Control and Belvedere Project (#0666879). Concrete replacement of the Neptune Place roadway remains a high priority on the LJPB CIP and wish lists. Funds for these projects continue to be needed.



Non-agenda and Public Comments

Robyn Davidoff from the Seal Society noted that seal pupping season had started at the Children's Pool and that beach access is closed until May 15. A program involving UCSD is training docents for the Children's Pool.

A La Jolla Coastal Conservancy update was presented by Jeanette Williams on behalf of Brenda Fake. The dead Canary Island Palm along the coastal trail was removed. The lifeguard tower was repainted. Eagle Scouts projects continue to be completed in the Coast Walk area. The Cove Landscape Improvement Project is in the initial design phase and will cost 1.2 million dollars.

Diane Kane asked how La Jolla Parks and Beaches will interact with the new La Jolla Coastal Conservancy in the future. Mr. Evans is no longer directly involved but explained that the La Jolla Coastal Conservancy has obtained a broad Right-Of-Entry Permit which simplifies the steps for performing certain maintenance projects in specific public areas. Chas Dye requested regular updates from the LJ Coastal Conservancy group. Ms. Dynes and others wanted clarification as to overlapping project areas, jurisdiction, and communication.

A community Member raised and documented serious concerns about an illegal and unpermitted "baby gender reveal" party on the beach and bluff that resulted in ocean pollution, extensive coastal littering with plastic pink confetti, and potential FAA violations due to a low flying helicopter. The event blocked public access/egress at the Parks and Recreation Dept. beach access stairs adjacent to 5990 Camino de la Costa.

Concerns about public behavior at tidepools will be added as a discussion topic to a future LJPB meeting.

Presentation Discussion

1. The **Wildcoast** presentation by representative Lillie Mulligan covered Wildcoast's ongoing coastal conservation projects, the status of the four local reserve and conservation areas, and highlighted work on local shoreline communities stretching from San Diego to Mexico. She noted that the South La Jolla State Marine Reserve, adjacent to the coast from Tourmaline Beach and Bird Rock northward to Hermosa Terrace Park (at Palomar Ave, south of Windansea) is the site of one of the most poached Marine Preserve Areas (MPA) in California. Wildcoast intends to replace or add informational signs to coastal areas adjacent to the marine protected areas. Wildcoast also participates in the MPA Watch program with volunteers who patrol, monitor, and document illegal poaching, pollution, or other activities in the areas

Working Group Updates

2. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group – President Evans provided an update on the highly anticipated project which needs \$20,000 to complete the project (donate at <https://lajollaparksbeaches.org/donate/>).
3. The Camino de la Costa "Beach Access/Stairway Repair/Replacement Project" at La Jolla Lower Hermosa Point adjacent to 5990 Camino de la Costa has good plans and is ready to go. The repair project will address beach access, stairway repairs, ADA accessibility, and parking and overlook issues.
4. La Jolla Coastal Trail Signage Working Group – Chas Dye reported that the group has held another productive meeting with City Parks and Recreation Department Director Andy Field and will be working with Mr. Field to develop improved and consistent signage.
5. La Jolla Park Historic District/ Whale View Point Stairs Project – The Whale View Point stair restoration project is fully funded and awaits a final biological report, approval from the LJ DPR and LJCPA, and issuance of the final permit. The project notice has already been posted and restoration should start soon.
6. Windansea Barrier Project/ Erosion Control and Belvedere Project (#0666879). Jim Neri continues tireless efforts to keep this project moving forward. The City is reviewing responses to the latest version of the City's proposed Maintenance Agreement for the Windansea Barrier/ Slope Repair and Belvedere Project.
7. La Jolla Cove Access Work Group – Patrick Ahern reported that Rangers are now able to patrol and enforce rules at the Cove. Recommendations about beach and water access have been delivered to Joe LaCava (San Diego Council District One) and to Director Andy Field at the Parks and Recreation Dept.
8. Fay Ave Bike Path – no report
9. Bird Rock Parks – no report
10. Coast Walk Trail – no report



LJPB Director and Officer Nominations and Voting

11. LJPB Annual Elections for Director Positions –

- A. Outgoing Secretary Barbara Dunbar announced the qualified candidates for LJPB Director positions (in alphabetical order): Kurt Hoffman, Seonaid McArthur, and Beth Murray. It was noted that a candidate must receive at least 9 votes (a majority of the entire Board) to be approved as a Director.

The motion to approve holding secret ballot elections to elect three LJPB Directors for 3-year terms from 1/27/2026 to the end of January 2029 from qualified Director candidates was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)

A secret ballot election was held. Votes were collected and tallied.

- B. Election results were announced in alphabetical order. The following Board of Directors candidates were elected to the LJPB Board of Directors, each for a 3-year term commencing on Jan. 27, 2026, and expiring at the end of Jan. 2029: Kurt Hoffman, Seonaid McArthur, and Beth Murray

- C. The results were confirmed.

The motion to confirm the Election results of Kurt Hppfman, Seonaid McArthur, and Beth Murray as LJPB Directors, each for a 3-year term running from January 26, 2026, through January 2029, was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)

- D. Confirm the election results and approve ballot destruction.

The motion to confirm the vote results and to destroy the ballots was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)

12. The LJPB Officer Nominating Committee of Tim Seery, Tom Brady, John Shannon, and Barbara Dunbar) created a slate of officer nominees. Four positions needed to be filled due to the terming-out of the Secretary from the board and the need to fill the remaining 1-year portion of the President's position. Both the Secretary and President are elected for a 1-year officer term that expires in January 2027. The Vice President and Treasurer are elected for a 2-year term that expires in Jan. 2028.

- A. Qualified nominees were Ann Dynes for President, Bob Evans for Vice-President, Tim Seery for Recording Secretary, and Chas Dye for Treasurer.

The motion to hold elections during an open session to elect LJPB President and Secretary for a one-year term effective 1/27/26 and to elect LJPB Vice President and Treasurer for a two-year term effective 1/27/2026 was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)

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- B. **The motion to approve the vote results regarding the election of Ann Dynes as LJPB President for a one-year term, effective January 27, 2026, was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)**

- C. **The motion to approve the vote results regarding the election of Bob Evans as LJPB Vice-President for a two-year term, effective January 27, 2026, was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)**

- D. **The motion to approve the vote results regarding the election of Tim Seery as LJPB Recording Secretary for a one-year term, effective January 27, 2026, was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)**

- E. **The motion to approve the vote results regarding the election of Chas Dye as LJPB Treasurer for a two-year term, effective January 27, 2026, was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)**

- F. **The motion to confirm the vote results and destroy the ballots 30 days after the election was approved unanimously. (13-0-0)**

Adjournment **The motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm to the February 23, 2026, meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Library was unanimously approved. (13-0-0)**

Minutes by Barbara Dunbar